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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004 the term for response to which expires on October 1, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper. Claims 1-18 are canceled, and claims 19-25 are added.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Dated: October 1, 2004

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